

Thursday, February 1, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate and House held a joint meeting to receive an address from His Excellency Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic.

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1549–1557, and S. Res. 219–223.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Special Report entitled “Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1996”. (S. Rept. No. 104–228)

H.R. 2005, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections in maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System. (S. Rept. No. 104–229)

Conference report on S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition. (S. Rept. No. 104–230)

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Measures Passed:

Honoring Ronald Reagan's 85th Birthday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 220, in recognition of Ronald Reagan's 85th birthday.

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Board of Tea Experts Elimination: Senate passed S. 1518, to eliminate the Board of Tea Experts by prohibiting funding for the Board and by repealing the Tea Importation Act of 1897.

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Congressional Gold Medal: Senate passed H.R. 2657, to award a congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy Graham, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Dole (for Faircloth) Amendment No. 3315, to strike section 5.

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Authorization of Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 221, to authorize testimony by a former Senate employee.

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PSI Documents Production: Senate agreed to S. Res. 222, to authorize the production of documents by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

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Commemorating Texas Statehood: Senate agreed to S. Res. 223, to commemorate the sesquicentennial of Texas statehood.

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Social Security Benefits Payment: Senate passed H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996, clearing the measure for the President.

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Subsequently, S. 1555, Senate companion measure, was indefinitely postponed.

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Farm Bill: Senate continued consideration of S. 1541, to extend, reform, and improve agricultural commodity, trade, conservation, and other programs, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

Craig (for Leahy/Lugar) Amendment No. 3184, in the nature of a substitute.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 7), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined on Tuesday, February 6, 1996, the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, may proceed to the cloture vote on the substitute Amendment No. 3184.

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Telecommunications Competition and Deregulation Act—Conference Report: By 91 yeas to 5

nays (Vote No. 8), Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 652, to provide for a procompetitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S686–S721**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Derrick L. Forrister, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

- 8 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Toni G. Fay, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Institute Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring October 12, 1998.

Audrey Tayse Haynes, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring October 13, 1998.

Marcie S. Mattleman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, for a term expiring October 12, 1998.

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 2 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—8)

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Recess: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and recessed at 9:28 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, February 5, 1996, for a pro forma session. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S869.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lt. Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command, and Lt. Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander-in-Chief, United States Strategic Command, and 12 routine military nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Prior to this action, the committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Lt. Gen. Shelton and Lt. Gen. Habiger (listed above), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings on S. 46, to revise the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for a voluntary system of spending limits and partial public financing of Senate primary and general election campaigns, and to limit contributions by multicandidate political committees, S. 1219 and S. 1389, bills to reform the financing of Federal elections, and S. 1528, to reform the financing of Senate campaigns, receiving testimony from Senators McCain, Feingold, Thompson, Wellstone, Feinstein, and Bradley; Joel M. Gora, Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, New York, on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union; Robert M. O'Neil, Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, Charlottesville, Virginia; Archibald Cox, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Bradley A. Smith, Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the CATO Institute; and David M. Mason, Heritage Foundation, Ann McBride, Common Cause, and Joan B. Claybrook, Public Citizen, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the

Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Susan Strayhorn, on behalf of the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 6.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 2924–2960; 1 private bill, H.R. 2961; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 159, H. Con. Res. 141–145, and H. Res. 356–361 were introduced. **Pages H1223–26**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 355, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996 (H. Rept. 104–460); and

H.R. 2406, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs, amended (H. Rept. 104–461). **Page H1223**

Recess: House recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m. **Page H1141**

Address by the President of France: The House and Senate met in a joint meeting to receive an address by the President of France. His Excellency Jacques Chirac was escorted to and from the House Chamber by Senators Lott, Cochran, Mack, Thurmond, Coverdell, Daschle, Breaux, Pell, Inouye, and Reid; and by Representatives Armey, Cox, Gilman, Bereuter, Gephardt, Kennelly, Hoyer, and Hamilton. **Pages H1141–44**

Telecommunications Act: By a recorded vote of 414 ayes to 16 noes, Roll No. 25, the House agreed to the conference report on S. 652, to provide for a competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition. **Pages H1145–79**

H. Res. 353, the rule which waived points of order against consideration of the conference report was agreed to earlier by a yeas-and-nays vote of 337 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 24. **Pages H1145–54**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 356, to protect the creditworthi-

ness of the United States and avoid default of the United States Government, did not constitute a question of privilege of the House and was not in order. **Pages H1179–82**

Subsequently, agreed to the Solomon motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair (agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 26). **Page H1182**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 354, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did not constitute a question of privilege of the House and was not in order. **Pages H1182–85**

Subsequently, agreed to the Solomon motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 27). **Page H1184**

District Work Period: By a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 29, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 141, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses. **Pages H1196–97**

Social Security Benefits: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas, Roll No. 30, the House passed H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996. **Pages H1197–H1200**

H. Res. 355, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 28. **Pages H1185–96**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hoekstra wherein he resigns as a member of the Committee on the Budget. **Page H1200**

Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 357, electing Representative Neumann to the Committee on the Budget. **Page H1200**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read and accepted a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Monday, February 26, 1996. **Page H1200**

Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Mfume wherein he resigns as a Member of the House of Representatives effective February 18, 1996.

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Gold Medal for Ruth and Billy Graham: House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2657, to award a congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy Graham—clearing the measure for the President.

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Extension of Remarks: It was made in order that all Members shall have the privilege for the legislative day of today to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the Record entitled "Extensions of Remarks".

Pages H1200–01

Resignations—Appointments: It was made in order that, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, February 26, 1996, the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of February 28.

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Adjournment Authority: It was made in order that when the House adjourns on the calendar day of Friday, February 2, 1996 (legislative day of Thursday, February 1, 1996), it stand adjourned until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 1996, unless the House sooner receives a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 141, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Recess: House recessed at 10:38 p.m. and reconvened at 12:01 a.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1196.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1153–54, H1179, H1182, H1184, H1195–96, H1197, and H1199–H1200.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and, pursuant to the previous order of the House, adjourned at 12:01 a.m. until Tuesday, February 6.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY POLICIES ACT—INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE ELECTRICITY MARKETS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the Public Util-

ity Regulatory Policies Act and its Role in Increasingly Competitive Electricity Markets. Testimony was heard from Representative Stearns; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Charles Curtis, Deputy Secretary; and Elizabeth Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

BOSNIA—PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Prospects for Peace with Justice in Bosnia. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.

SOCIAL SECURITY GUARANTEE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for the consideration in the House of H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit. The motion to recommit may include instructions only if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representative Gibbons.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AND DEREGULATION ACT

Conferees on Wednesday, January 31, agreed to file a conference report on S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1996

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for January, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 5 through 10, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will meet for a pro forma session.

On *Tuesday*, Senate may resume consideration of S. 1541, Farm bill.

During the balance of the week, the Senate's program is uncertain.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: February 6, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the effects of fiscal year 1996 funding on the National Labor Relations Board, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 6, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to hold hearings to review trends in Federal land ownership, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 7, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine threats and responses to Taiwan's security, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 7, to hold hearings to examine whether Members of Congress should be able to make recommendations for individuals seeking Federal employment, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 6, Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings on the use of the Supplemental Security Income program and other welfare programs by immigrants, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: February 8, to resume hearings on S. 295, to permit labor management cooperative efforts that improve America's economic competitiveness to continue to thrive, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Special Committee To Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: February 6, 7, and 8,

to resume hearings to examine certain issues relative to the Whitewater Development Corporation, 10 a.m., SH-216.

House Committees

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, February 8, hearing to provide an update on the debt ceiling limit issue, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, February 7, hearing on H.R. 2497, to amend the National Labor Relations Act, 10:45 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, February 7, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology, hearing on the Impact of OMB 2000 Reforms on the Management Practices of the Federal Government, 10 a.m., 2157 Rayburn.

February 8, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on the use of automated screens by Medicare contractors to prevent payment of medically unnecessary claims, 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 6, legislative and oversight hearing regarding Professional Sports Franchise Relocation: Antitrust Implications; H.R. 2740, Fan Freedom and Community Protection Act of 1995; and H.R. 2699, Fans Rights Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 7 and 8, Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearings on H.R. 2441, NII Copyright Protection Act of 1995, 2 p.m., on February 7 and 9 a.m., on February 8, 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 7, Subcommittee on Regulation and Paperwork, hearing to examine the issues surrounding the current rulemaking by the NLRB concerning single location bargaining units in labor representation cases, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: February 5, to hold hearings to examine Federal barriers to State and local privatization efforts, 1 p.m., SD-106.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.
The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through January 31, 1996

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	12	10	..
Time in session	48 hrs., 54'	75 hrs., 56'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	S669	H1139	..
Extensions of Remarks	E121	..
Public bills enacted into law	0	11	..
Private bills enacted into law	0	0	..
Measures passed, total	24	23	..
Senate bills	5	2	..
House bills	5	5	..
Senate joint resolutions	0	0	..
House joint resolutions	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	3	1	..
House concurrent resolutions	3	1	..
Simple resolutions	7	13	..
Measures reported, total	*25	*12	..
Senate bills	24	0	..
House bills	1	3	..
Senate joint resolutions	0	0	..
House joint resolutions	0	0	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	0	0	..
House concurrent resolutions	0	0	..
Simple resolutions	0	9	..
Special reports	1	0	..
Conference reports	0	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	187	46	..
Measures introduced, total	52	145	..
Bills	34	83	..
Joint resolutions	3	21	..
Concurrent resolutions	3	11	..
Simple resolutions	12	30	..
Quorum calls	0	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	6	16	..
Recorded votes	6	..
Bills vetoed	0	1	..
Veto overridden	0	0	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through January 31, 1996

Civilian nominations, totaling 151 (including 119 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4
Unconfirmed	142
Withdrawn	5
Civilian nominations (FS, PHS, CG, NOAA), totaling 334 (including 320 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	334
Air Force nominations, totaling 6,147 (including 4,952 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,207
Unconfirmed	1,940
Army nominations, totaling 2,442 (including 2,304 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,260
Unconfirmed	182
Navy nominations, totaling 84 (including 21 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4
Unconfirmed	80
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 15 (including 8 nominations carried over from the first session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	15

SUMMARY

Total nominations carried over from the first session	7,724
Total nominations received this session	1,449
Total confirmed	6,475
Total unconfirmed	2,693
Total withdrawn	5

* These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 27 reports has been filed in the Senate; a total of 15 reports has been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Monday, February 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

8 p.m., Tuesday, February 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will meet for a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Legislative program will be announced later.

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